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CCAT and ATF Recover Firearms Stolen in Vancouver Burglary

On December 10, 2008 Detectives from the Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) received information that a 15 year old juvenile in Pierce County, Washington had been arrested for bringing a firearm to school. The firearm was listed as stolen out of Vancouver, Washington from a November 30th burglary at Brightwater Ventures, a Vancouver firearms dealer. The investigation revealed that the juvenile had been visiting relatives in Vancouver over the Thanksgiving holiday and allegedly participated in the burglary along with his 21 year old brother, Christopher Aguon. Two other males, Dominic Aguon 21 and a 17 year old male were allegedly involved in possessing and storing the stolen firearms. Detectives from CCAT and Special Agents from the ATF were able to recover the majority of the weapons at two residences (one in Vancouver and one in Portland). At this point in the investigation it appears that the homeowners/tenants were unaware that the firearms were being stored in their homes and are uninvolved.

The 15 year old juvenile has pending charges of Theft of a Firearm (126 counts), Burglary in the First Degree (1-count) and Criminal Conspiracy to Traffic in Stolen Property/Firearms (1-count) and is currently being held in a juvenile detention facility in Pierce County. Christopher Aguon was booked for Theft of a Firearm (126-counts), Burglary in the First Degree (1-count), Criminal Conspiracy to Traffic in Stolen Property/Firearms (1-count) and Resisting Arrest (1-count) and is currently in the Clark County Jail. Dominic Aguon was booked for Possession of a Stolen Firearm (126-counts) and Criminal Conspiracy to Traffic in Stolen Property/Firearms (1-count) and is currently in the Clark County Jail. The 17 year old was booked for Possession of a Stolen Firearm (96-counts) and Criminal Conspiracy to Traffic in Stolen Property/Firearms (1-count) and is currently in the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center.

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency responsible for the criminal and regulatory enforcement of the federal firearms laws. CCAT is an interagency task force comprised of representatives from the Vancouver Police Department, Department of Corrections, Clark County Sheriff's Office, US Marshals Service and most recently the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This joint investigation between CCAT and the ATF is continuing no additional information is available at this time.

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